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**WALKER ANNOUNCES MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
APRIL PASSENGER RECORD**

MILWAUKEE, WI – Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker announced today that the number of passengers using General Mitchell International Airport in April set a new record for the month. The total of 661,992 passengers was an increase of 0.17 percent over last April's record 660,850 passengers. For the first four months of 2007, the passenger total is up 0.52 percent over the same period in 2006.

"Families continue taking advantage of airfares that have remained pretty much the same over the last few decades, while average family income has risen," said Walker, noting that the traditional "Easter vacation" week fell in April this year, boosting the number of vacationers during that period. "As the price of gas continues to rise, families find they can save money and time by flying instead of driving."

U.S. Department of Transportation statistics show that Mitchell International has moved up to the 50th largest airport in the nation and ranks 34th in the number of markets served by nonstop flights.

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A number of improvements to Mitchell International are underway to accommodate the growing number of passengers:

- Eight new gates added to Concourse C will open in July. Renovation and widening of the Concourse C stem, including the security checkpoint and gates, was completed in July 2006.
- Renovation of the Concourse D stem, which widened airline gate seating areas and the security checkpoint, and included construction of new ground-level airline boarding gates, was completed in December.
- The renovation of the Concourse E stem, including a new security checkpoint lane, was completed in April.

General Mitchell International Airport is owned by Milwaukee County and operated by the Department of Transportation & Public Works, Airport Division, under the policy direction of the Milwaukee County Executive and the County Board of Supervisors. The airport is entirely funded by user fees; no property tax dollars are used for the airport's capital improvements or for its day-to-day operation. For more information on Mitchell International, visit www.mitchellairport.com.

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